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SUBJ: GOP REGULATIONS ON EXPORT OF PRIMATES FOR BIOMEDICAL
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1. PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 934-73-8G OF OCTOBER 3RD, 1973
PROHIBITED THE HUNTING AND EXPORT OF CERTAIN WILD SPECIES
EXCEPT FOR SPECIFIC INSTANCES WHERE THESE SPECIES CONSTITUTE
AN IMPORTANT SOURCE OF FOOD FOR JUNGLE INHABITANTS. THE
PURPOSE OF THIS RESOLUTION WAS CONSERVATION OF THE SPECIES
LISTED. LIVE WILD ANIMALS ARE PROHIBITED FROM EXPORT FROM ANY
POINT IN PERU. THERE IS AN EXEMPTION ON THE CAPTURE AND EXPORT
OF SPECIES PROTECTED BY THIS DECREE WHEN THESE ARE DESTINED FOR
SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. EXPORT AUTHORIZATIONS WILL BE ISSUED IN
THE FORM OF A MINISTERIAL RESOLUTION BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE.

2. AN OFFICIAL OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE CONFIRMED THAT THE
EXPORTS OF PRIMATES FOR BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH WILL BE LIMITED TO
GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT OR UNIVERSITY-TO-UNIVERSITY CHANNELS.
IN THE CASE OF INDEPENDENT RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS DOING BOTH
GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT WORK, EXPORTS WILL ONLY BE PERMITTED
THROUGH A PERUVIAN UNIVERSITY. THIS OFFICIAL ALSO EXPLAINED
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THAT EXPORTS OF PRIMATES TO PHARMACEUTICAL FIRMS ARE NOT

PERMITTED BECAUSE THE RESEARCH WORK PERFORMED BY THEM INVOLVES A
COMMERCIAL PURPOSE RATHER THAN A STRICTLY SCIENTIFIC ONE. HE
ADDED THAT PRESENT AND FUTURE EXPORTS OF PRIMATES FOR BIOMEDICAL
RESEARCH WILL BE RATIONALIZED AND ONLY REASONABLE QUANTITIES
OF PRIMATES WILL BE ALLOWED FOR EXPORTATION. EXPORT APPLICATIONS
BY INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD BE SUPPORTED BY WRITTEN EVIDENCE
CONCERNING THE RESEARCH WORKS TO BE PERFORMED WITH THE REQUESTED
PRIMATES. ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS CLARIFYING THE PROVISIONS
OF DECREE LAW NO. 934-73 WILL PROBABLY BE READY FOR PUBLICATION
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